

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicants herein acknowledge the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 through 33 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – claims 1-28, drawn to method of chemical etching combined with the removal of nonchemical means, classified in class 438, subclass 690; and

Group II – claims 29-32, drawn to device with insulative coating with means to control surface effects, classified in class 257, subclass 632.

Applicant respectfully notes that claim 33, which depends from claim 29, was not Addressed, but it appears that claim 33 should have been grouped with Group II.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-28, without traverse.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statement

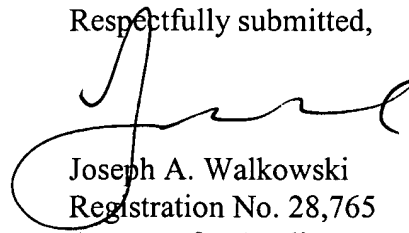
Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Office on **October 21, 2003**, and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08A form be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

CONCLUSION

An early Office Action on the merits with respect to claims 1-28 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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